FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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Agricultural Marketing Service

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USDA WHOLE EGGS PURCHASE PROGRAM RE-OPENED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced that the purchase program under Announcement PY-257 for whole eggs for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs has re-opened. Offers are invited from the trade for whole eggs in one or more of the following forms:

Five-pound cartons (082065) - Frozen homogenized whole eggs with a color stabilizer packaged 5 pounds (2.27 kg) net weight in a pitcher-pour type, polyethylene-coated paperboard carton, and packed six 5-pound (2.27 kg) cartons per fiberboard shipping container with 30 pounds (13.61 kg) net weight. A purchase unit will consist of 1,334 shipping containers totaling 40,020 pounds (18,153 kg).

Bulk liquid whole eggs (083090) - Bulk liquid whole eggs (without color stabilizer) for further processing, packed and shipped in insulated tankers, 48,000 pounds (21,772 kg) net weight in each tanker. A purchase unit will total 48,000 pounds (21,772 kg).

Invitation No. 15, inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, Feb. 10, is being issued this week. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, Feb. 14, for delivery from April 1 to April 15.

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended, Announcement PY-257, Appendix-1, and the Commodity Specification for Whole Eggs dated May 2000, as amended.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at: http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

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